**DEPT:** WAR MEMORIAL CENTER

UNIT NO. 1914

FUND: General - 0001

## **OPERATING AUTHORITY & PURPOSE**

Pursuant to Section 45.058 of the Wisconsin Statutes and in accordance with agreements between Milwaukee County War Memorial, Inc. and the County of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County War Memorial, Inc. presently operates the War Memorial Center. The Center is situated at the south end of Lincoln Memorial Drive overlooking Lake Michigan and is directly adjacent to County parkland.

The Center stands as a beautiful memorial to those who have given their lives for our collective freedom. "To Honor the Dead by Serving the Living" is the motto of the Center.

The facility is home to the Milwaukee Art Museum, which boasts major cultural exhibits, including the Peg Bradley Collection. Through tax levy dollars provided by the County, the Center supports the Art Museum by providing building services for the space

the Museum occupies in the Saarinen Building and Kahler Addition as well as direct funding.

The Center provides office space to major service groups and veterans' organizations such as the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee, USO of Wisconsin, AMVETS State headquarters. Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Foundation Midwest Regional Office, Chipstone Foundation. International Association Orthodontics, Creative Sharp Presentation. America's Freedom Center Foundation and the War Memorial Center itself.

To maximize utilization of the facility, the Center is available for general use by the public, use by veterans' groups, art groups and civic groups.

BUDGET SUMMARY										
		2005		2006		2007				
		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Budget</u>				
Property Tax Levy Contribution to War Memorial Center	\$	1,331,636	\$	1,433,462	\$	1,504,594				

## **MISSION**

To serve as a memorial to the veterans of our armed services, their families, and the community, provide to all people of the community a state of the art facility with attractive meeting space and to recognize and educate, especially the young, of the sacrifice and service made by the veterans of our armed services.

## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

- The 2007 County contribution to the War Memorial Center is \$1,504,594, which is a 5% increase from the 2006 level.
- The increased contribution is to be used as seed money for additional fund raising to plan for enclosing Fitch Plaza for year round use, among other projects.

- The War Memorial Center will contribute \$250,000 as a direct subsidy to the Milwaukee Art Museum.
- The War Memorial Center will continue to provide quarterly reports of financial status and projections through the fiscal year in accordance with past practice.
- The Department of Administrative Services will continue its initiative to facilitate collaboration between the War Memorial Center and other County cultural entities in service provision and programming. In 2005, efficiencies were realized with some organizations negotiating shared professional service contracts and others offering joint programs and cross-promotion.

## **ADOPTED 2007 BUDGET**

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ACTIVITY AND STATISTICAL SUMMARY								
	2005	2006	2007					
<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>					
Memorial Hall	26,815	25,000	25,000					
Fitch Plaza	5,278	7,000	7,000					
Veterans Memorial Gallery	1,925	300	300					
Meeting Rooms	22,645	5,000	5,000					
Special Events- WMC Grounds/Lakefront	1,001,350	450,000	450,000					
Milwaukee Art Museum	368,678	319,000	319,000					
TOTAL	1,426,691	806,300	806,300					
Number of Events								
Memorial Hall	213	185	185					
Fitch Plaza	57	20	20					
Veterans Memorial Gallery	14	5	5					
Meeting Rooms	1,345	400	400					
Special Events	7	1	1					
TOTAL	1,636	611	611					

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The War Memorial Center budget consists of the following:

WAR MEMORIAL CENTER BUDGET SUMMARY								
	2005		2006		2007			
	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Budget</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>								
Personal Services	\$	638,028	\$	741,928	\$	786,488		
Professional Fees		125,008		114,800		119,800		
Advertising and Promotion		31,193		32,000		32,000		
Meetings, Travel and Auto Allowance		4,612		5,400		5,400		
Space		430,619		335,000		294,000		
Utilities		450,237		463,100		478,837		
Office and Administrative Supplies		22,123		22,500		22,940		
Master Plan		39,136		0		101,129		
Milwaukee Art Museum Direct Funding		294,734	l	294,734	<u> </u>	250,000		
Total War Memorial Center Expenditures	\$	2,035,690	\$	2,009,462	\$	2,090,594		
Revenues								
Parking	\$	288,954	\$	235,000	\$	240,000		
Miscellaneous		50,340		40,000		45,000		
Catering Commission		32,741		25,000		20,000		
Office Rental		130,237		140,000		155,000		
Hall and Plaza Rental		142,493		120,000		110,000		
Meeting Room Rental		39,174		1,000		4,000		
Liquor Commission		20,115		15,000		12,000		
Milwaukee County Contribution		1,331,636	l _	1,433,462	l _	1,504,594		
Total War Memorial Center Revenues	\$	2,035,690	\$	2,009,462	\$	2,090,594		